one another to form a multicolored toner image, and in which method a toner used in each developing step contains an external additive, the addition amount of the external additive to a non-added toner containing no external additive is within the range of 1.5 to 10.0 parts by weight on the basis of 100 parts by weight of said non-added toner, and the aggregation degree of said toner is within the range of 30 to 80%, and the change ratio of the aggregation degree satisfies the following formula:

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$0.8 \leqq$ (initial aggregation degree)/(aggregation degree after 20 hours of no-load revolution of developing portion) $\leqq 1.2$; and

wherein said developer is a nonmagnetic one-component developer.

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9. (Amended) A method for the formation of a color image which comprises the steps of forming an electrostatic latent image in accordance with an electrophotographic process, visualizing said electrostatic latent image by a developer transported by a developing portion to form a multicolored toner image whereby each monochromatic color toner image is formed by a mutually independent developing step, and then superposing the resulting monochromatic toner images with

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one another to form a multicolored toner image, and in which method a toner used in each developing step contains an external additive, the addition amount of the external additive to a non-added toner containing no external additive is within the range of 1.5 to 10.0 parts by weight on the basis of 100 parts by weight of said non-added toner, and the change ratio of the electrostatic charge amount of said toner on an image support for forming and visualizing said electrostatic latent image

satisfies the following formula:

$1.0 \leqq$ (initial charge amount)/(charge amount after 20 hours of no-load revolution of developing portion) $\leqq 1.5$; and

wherein said developer is a nonmagnetic one-component developer.

Please add new claims 17 and 18, as follows:

17. (New) The method of claim 1, said developing step comprising a contact type non-magnetic one-component developing method.

18. (New) The method of claim 9, said developing step comprising a contact type non-magnetic one-component developing method.